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Beekeeping Club adviser Pat Ward takes a package of bees from his truck and walks a short distance to where the bees were put into their designated hives April 22 at the Beekeeping Club Ribbon Cutting Ceremony. The Beekeeping Club received four packages of bees, each containing three pounds of bees.

Campus buzzing with bees

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Buzz. Buzz. Buzz. At the Northwest Beekeeping Club Ribbon Cutting ceremony April 22, a handful of students and staff gathered to release bees on campus.

As more than 24,000 bees were relocated from their shipment packages and into hives, the sound of bees flying around became background noise. Buzz. Buzz. Buzz.

Four packages of bees, costing \$125 each, sat stacked two-by-two near the propped-open backdoor of Facilities Services as Beekeeping Club President freshman Abigail Rosonke stood over a sink, mixing sugar water for the bees to eat.

It was Rosonke's idea to start a beekeeping club on campus. She was inspired by sophomore Kendra Robbins, a beekeeper that lived down the hall from her dorm room. While filling jars with sugar water, Rosonke got a call from Robbins who was on her way to help release the bees.

"I woke up this morning and I was like 'holy crap,'" Rosonke said. "I couldn't believe it was today because it has always seemed so far away."

After the bee packages were loaded, Beekeeping Club members boarded a short University bus that took them to the University's Pellet Plant where four pre-painted beehive boxes stood.

The bees will be kept in the beehives at the Pellet Plant for at least a month for the Beekeeping Club to keep a close watch.

Then, two beehives will be transported to the R.T. Wright Farm, about two miles north of campus. The other two beehives will be put in the orchard on campus, near the greenhouse.

Each of the four hives has a queen bee that will lay around 2,000 eggs per day — the club is projecting to have 60,000 bees mid-summer. Arboretum Manager Pat Ward, who has four of his own beehives, said he agreed to be the Beekeeping Club adviser after Rosonke asked him.

"I was tickled that there were students interested," Ward said. "They have done a lot of work to get it all up and going. I just helped where I could to get them started and made sure no one got stung."

The bees were brought in from Georgia. Ward had a friend transport the bees overnight April 20 from Georgia to central Illinois. The bees then traveled five more hours from central Illinois to Maryville with Ward in his green two-and-a-half door truck, Willie Nelson playing over the radio.

Beekeeping Club member Taylor Sutton said she felt hopeful as she watched her peers, wearing beekeeping suits, relocate the bees from the packages to their designated hives.



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Sophomore Kendra Robbins moves the queen bee from the package and into a beehive April 22 at the Beekeeping Club Ribbon Cutting Ceremony.

"Bees are pollinators and they're in decline," Sutton said. "Without bees, we have no food. I really hope that this will help campus and the health of the environment in this area."

Ward said on average, beekeepers are losing 50% of their hives every winter. To protect the bees from harsh winter weather, Ward said they will likely put up fiber mats to block the wind, and make sure the bees have plenty of food.

"The weird thing is bees have to fly in the winter because that's when they go potty," Ward said. "Otherwise, they just stay in the

hive. We want to have a warm day up in the 40s, one a month would be great."

Ward said each hive will ideally produce 50 pounds of honey each spring. The Beekeeping Club is considering selling honey on campus.

"For the most part, bees are not aggressive unless you are really messing with them," Ward said. "I find that when people understand bees and have a chance to be around bees, they find that they are very interesting and not the dangerous, scary little insects a lot of people think bees are."

Millikan offers temporary housing

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Northwest Residential and Auxiliary Services announced April 16 it would be opening Millikan Hall for students displaced during finals week.

Some Maryville landlords have their leases ending April 30, which left many students, especially seniors, not knowing where they were going to live during that week.

Director of Residential Life Rose Viau said the decision to offer on-campus housing during this time was entirely driven by student input and feedback.

Viau said housing at Millikan is available from April 26 to May 6, and a total of 50 rooms are available.

"We have 25 male, 25 female rooms, and it's \$25 per room (per day)," Viau said. "If you want to put two people in a room, you can, if you want it by yourself you can. That's their choice."

Student Senate City Liaison junior Delaney Smail said she was glad the University was able to step up and help students during an often stressful time.

"I think it's really unfortunate that so many people have had issues with their landlords since finals were pushed back, but I'm really glad they have this option," Smail said. "Although I know it's



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Residential and Auxiliary Services is opening the sixth and seventh floors of Millikan Hall for off-campus students who need a place to stay during finals week, the first week of May, due to their leases ending at the end of April.

not ideal for most students who have to stay for graduation, it's better than nothing."

Smail said the option was helpful to students, as many had no other options of where they could stay during that week.

"Moving during finals week is

stressful enough, but some people are moving out and have nowhere to go, and a lot of students don't live close enough to Maryville to commute for finals/graduation," Smail said. "Also, all of the hotels in Maryville are booked for graduation, so that's not an option."

Viau said there are very few restrictions to the housing with the main requirement being that a person has to be a student at the University.

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Catterson receives 10-year sentence

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Shackled at both the feet and from the waist to his hands, Alex Allen Catterson sat as Judge Roger Prokes sentenced him to 10 years in prison.

At the Friday afternoon sentencing hearing, defense attorney Samuel Scroggie spread his arm around Catterson's shoulders as Catterson, 22, signed his rights for the next 10 years in prison.

Following a four-day testimony trial, a jury rendered Catterson guilty of a DWI involving the death of another after deliberating for two and a half hours Feb. 16.

Catterson wrecked his black two-door truck into the front door of The Palms bar at a speed of 19.7 mph at around 12:40 a.m. Jan. 7, 2018. Walking out of the Palms at that time was Northwest sophomore Morgan McCoy. The front end of Catterson's half-ton truck struck Morgan McCoy. Morgan McCoy was unconscious at the scene, then transported to SSM St. Francis hospital where she died.

Prokes made his way into the courtroom and announced the court would be in recess until Scroggie arrived. The gallery sat, chatting amongst themselves. About two minutes later, the courtroom door swung open.

In walked Scroggie carrying his top hat, dressed in a navy suit, followed by the rest of Catterson's family and friends who filled in the remaining empty seats on the defense side.

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Admin silent on instructor absence

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A mass media instructor has been absent from teaching classes since April 10.

Marc Krein taught four classes this semester: fundamentals of electronic media production, broadcast operations, digital cinematography and video production.

Junior Bradley Justiss said he was in Krein's digital cinematography class April 8, held Mondays 5-8 p.m., and that Krein rushed the students to finish up their projects and leave class nearly two hours early.

"He said, 'Are you guys almost done yet? Because I've got jet lag, and I'm ready to get out of here,'" Justiss said. "He said he had just got off a plane from L.A., and I'm thinking to myself, 'Nobody I know flies to L.A. over a weekend when they have an 8 a.m. class on a Friday and an 8 a.m. class on a Monday and then is back in time.'"

Director of the School of Communication and Mass Media Matt Walker said he could not comment on specific personnel matters, directing questions to human resources.

Repeated calls from the Missourian to the Office of Human Resources were not returned in time for publication.

"We find it highly important to make sure that our students receive the best experience possible, and we are committed to doing that no matter what the situation," Walker said.

Justiss said he walked into digital cinematography April 15 to Television and Video Engineer Will Murphy announcing he would be teaching the class for the remainder of the semester.

"Will said, 'Alright guys, I am going to be filling in for Krein for the rest of the semester; the official statement for it is that he will be taking time off for the rest of the semester,'" Justiss said.

DEI celebrates multicultural graduates

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The Office of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion will host the third Celebration of Success ceremony for multicultural graduates at 6:30 p.m. May 3 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Boardroom.

There will be 31 students participating in the ceremony. DEI invited all graduating seniors who identify as underrepresented students to attend.

Director of Diversity and Inclusion Justin Mallett said the Celebration of Success has grown since he brought it to campus spring 2018.

“It started small and it’s slowly getting bigger and bigger,” Mallett said. “If everybody shows up with their family members, we’ll have over 100 people in the room. From where we started to where we are now, there has been a very significant amount of growth.”

During the ceremony, the graduates will receive Kente Stoles to wear during commencement.

Mallett said the ceremony lets underrepresented students know that they’re appreciated and they should be proud of their work.

“It allows our underrepresented students to take pride in something,” Mallett said. “The Kente Stole is a symbol of achievement; it’s a symbol of making it through and preserving and graduating from college.”

Mallett said the event is important because underrepresented students should be uniquely recognized.

“I feel like this event isn’t something we could’ve done, it’s something that we must do,” Mallett said. “We want the students to realize that we understand what you went through to graduate, and we want to applaud you for the work

that you’ve done over the course of the last four or five years.”

Senior Khristian Nivens said the Celebration of Success shows minority students they’re appreciated.

“I like the idea simply because this is the way for minority students to be thought of for all their accomplishments,” Nivens said. “It’s a time where they can be acknowledged for graduating because it’s hard for students to graduate.”

Senior Jordyn Wood is a first-generation college student and said the ceremony is a good way to show minority students they have something to be proud of.

“It’s a good opportunity to give students the chance to celebrate the work that they’ve put in while being in school for the last few years,” Wood said. “I’m excited to participate and be honored at the celebration. I hope that students in the future can also have this opportunity to showcase to their family, friends and faculty their accomplishments.”

Coordinator of Diversity and Inclusion Adam Gonzales said the impact of the Celebration of Success also aids in being mindful of cultural differences.

“It honors students who may face challenges on campus like Northwest that other students might not,” Gonzales said. “What we want to do is always be mindful of cultural differences, where people come from (and) certain life circumstances that they have that others might not. We want be able to set aside time to highlight their significant achievements during their time here at Northwest.”

Northwest Alumnus Kaba Abdullah is the keynote speaker during the ceremony. There will also be a dinner provided.



MORGAN JONES | NW MISSOURIAN

The city of Maryville offered northwest Missouri flood victims a place to stay at the Mozingo campgrounds, free of charge, while they work to rebuild or relocate to new homes.

City provides refuge for displaced flood victims

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The crippling sound of thunder echoes for miles. A once visible speed limit sign wavers, unstable. The foundation of a family’s world cracks with mother nature’s tantrum and they can do nothing but wade through. The road home, engulfed, unseen.

A man sifts through timeless memories as he wipes off a once dusty photograph that is now all but clean. The parchment rips and his heart sinks, slipping through the cracks.

He stands amid the aftermath as adjacent and misplaced as the water that surrounds him. Broken from the stream and searching for a new course, James McCallan and his family must start over – again.

“I never imagined the water would come in and take everything away like that,” McCallan said. “We lost so much.”

After floods in late March caused by excessive rainfall and breached levees, people from Holt County and other areas in northwest Missouri had to evacuate and temporarily, if not permanently, relocate. Some have decided to move to Maryville for good, while others are still looking for places to go.

The city of Maryville and Mozingo became a place of refuge for some, as people affected by the flood brought their RVs and what belongings they could salvage from their homes.

Guest Services Coordinator of Mozingo Brandon Cartwright interacted with those arriving from flooded areas, hearing their experiences first-hand. He anticipated that more were to come and, recognizing this, asked the city council what, if anything, they could do to help those on the road of recovery.

Within 45 minutes after Cartwright approached Maryville staff, City Manager Greg McDanel and Assistant City Manager Ryan Heiland proposed to allow those affected by floods to stay for free during their recovery process.

Maryville mayor Rachael Martin immediately agreed to the proposal.

“This staff’s hard work shows all the time, but this instance really speaks to how we can make a difference,” Martin said.

Heiland said about 10 campers arrived to Mozingo with families and individuals displaced from the March 20 flooding. After staying at no cost for two to three weeks, they found a way to move forward.

“We are certainly grateful to give people going through a rough time an opportunity to get back on their feet,” Heiland said. “I think it helped people gather their thoughts during a hard time and look at how they can move on without having to worry about financial aspects of their stay.”

James McCallan and his family, who first arrived at Mozingo the week of March 20, was one of the first to arrive at Mozingo, speaking with Cartwright about their situation and troubling experience.

The flood came quicker than they expected, giving them only three hours to get what they could from their home and take refuge elsewhere.

“There was three feet of water in our home at the end of it,” McCallan said. “My wife and I have been married 17 years, and there’s been some hardships along the way, but nothing like this.”

The McCallan family loaded a U-Haul truck with what they salvaged and came to Maryville for supplies. They decided to go back to Craig to get their RV before the roads were too flooded to navigate.

“We thought it was the best thing to do,” McCallan said. “We were out of ideas and just needed to figure out what the next step was.”

According to McCallan, approximately 20 families permanently relocated from Craig, leaving behind a town most of them grew up in and loved.

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In spite of the warm breeze from the open window beckoning one student to enjoy the good weather in the final hours before the sun goes down on a Friday night, they sit in the quiet of their home, shaking even though the air conditioning isn't on.

A few paragraphs drafted weeks ago sit in an unsent message.

"Do it," they say to the friend next to them, whose finger hovers over the enter key.

The message is sent, but any relief is immediately stolen from the room as the three dancing dots appear on screen.

The two stare at the laptop with bated breath, trying not to let their hopes run away with them in those few long moments.

"Love you. Need time."

The message is shorter than expected given the long wait.

For junior Daph Bergren, coming out wasn't a conversation they could have in person, so they opted to send a message, giving their parents time and space to process the news.

Bergren, a nonbinary lesbian, said they didn't expect a positive reaction from their Christian parents and was pleasantly surprised by the brief but still overall positive initial response.

It wasn't until a few days later when the truth of what wasn't being said turned their world upside-down. A message from their brother revealed their dad's decision to stop paying for Bergren's tuition before the final bill of the semester.

"I thought something about this was wrong; it just didn't feel right," Bergren said. "My dad only messaged me a few days ago to call me a meanie and blame me for all this and tell me that I'm just lying to myself."

After receiving the news that they'd be on their own for their last tuition bill, Bergren set up a GoFundMe page and shared it on Facebook, asking for help since it was too late in the year to seek financial aid from the school.

Bergren has received \$230 of the \$2,000 goal so far.

"I set up a GoFundMe hoping that it would gain any traction," Bergren said. "My friend had just done one, and he'd gotten a lot of responses on it and a lot of help."

That friend was freshman Noah Wolfe, who came out as trans to his parents over spring break, after which he was disowned by them.

Wolfe maintains some commu-



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Junior Daph Bergren, a nonbinary lesbian, and freshman Noah Wolfe, a trans man, both started GoFundMe pages this month after coming out to, and subsequently being financially cut off from, their parents.

nication with his parents, but he moved out of their house and no longer receives any financial support from them.

Wolfe said he knew he had to come out to his parents before summer because the cost to his mental health of being closeted for three months would be too high.

"Over winter break I went home, and literally every single day I just got worse and worse mentally," Wolfe said. "My boyfriend was like, 'I can't watch you do this; this is awful. You need to go see your therapist as soon as you get back.' And then I realized that that was one month, I can't survive three months during the summer."

Wolfe said he knew the response from his parents would be negative, and though he was mentally ready to move out of his parents' house, it would still be a financial strain.

"I was a little bit dumb and came out the first day of spring break, within an hour of getting home," Wolfe said. "I immediately went upstairs, called my best friend's mom and asked if she was home and if I could come over. I packed up as much as I could that night and left."

Wolfe posted his GoFundMe April 6 asking for donations to cover moving expenses and starting hormone replacement therapy

and received \$800 in the first three days. In total, Wolfe has raised \$1,023 of the \$5,000 goal.

Immediately after Wolfe created the GoFundMe page, Coordinator of Diversity and Inclusion Adam Gonzales shared the page on Facebook.

"Being someone who was also disowned by my biological parents, I kind of know what that can feel like," Gonzales said. "But when I came out, I was already pretty independent, so the loss of support was not as much."

Gonzales said he remembered the people who reached out and helped him during that time, so he wanted to pay that forward.

"That first day was when Adam shared it, and everyone from Northwest was helping me out," Wolfe said. "I got several messages saying, 'This was because someone helped me out my freshman year.'"

Gonzales said that although social progress has been made in terms of acceptance of LGBTQ identities, parents reacting negatively to their children's identities is a deep-rooted issue because of some social institutions.

"I think so long as you have institutions, organizations who are founded upon a primary belief that LGBTQ folks are disordered or evil," Gonzales said. "So long as those ideologies are accepted some-

where within our society, you will always have folks who will disown their children."

Wolfe said he has little hope for mending his relationship with his parents.

"We are currently going to family therapy, to at the very least help them to understand that this is not just a me thing, this is a many-people thing, and that despite their Christian beliefs, it can be backed up and that it's not just a phase," Wolfe said. "I don't know if it's going to happen. They have not been very receptive to change in the past."

Bergren said their dream is to open an LGBTQ cafe, which would offer a safe, alcohol-free community space for the community, and they would like to create a rolling fund to offer financial assistance to LGBTQ youth in the form of grants and scholarships.

Gonzales also said he imagines a future where more organizations can provide support for disenfranchised LGBTQ people and provide community for those who feel alone.

"Feeling like you don't belong in this world is one of the most damaging things that can happen to you," Gonzales said. "Having that wind under your wings makes all the difference."

Program provides smoke alarms

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The Maryville Department of Public Safety- Fire Division brought a national campaign to the city by partnering with the American Red Cross to install and educate citizens on smoke alarms in their homes.

MFD joined forces with the American Red Cross and went on a door-to-door canvas installing smoke alarms April 20. The canvas, a part of "Sound the Alarm, Save a Life," is a nationwide effort to prevent house fires and warn homeowners about the danger of a fire without an effective smoke alarm.

The crew focused on off-campus student housing, lower-income families and the city's senior citizen population, where 43 alarms were installed among 22 homes between 9 a.m. and 3 p.m. at no cost to residents.

The Maryville Fire Explorer Post, a youth training program for minors interested in a public safety profession, and the Northwest Red Cross Club volunteered to assist installing the alarms.

Fire Capt. Phil Rickabaugh said the fire department wants to do everything it can to prevent needless tragedies such as house fires.

"We couldn't do this without the help of the Red Cross, which are providing our community with a cache of 10-year, long-life smoke alarms," Rickabaugh said in a department press release.

The St. Joseph Red Cross office provides Maryville with approximately 300 smoke alarms annually, which are available year-round at the fire department. Those living in homes without alarms can go to the fire station and fill out an application for the department to install one for free at any time.

Rickabaugh said the alarms provide worry-free protection to those that previously had outdated or otherwise obsolete smoke detection in their homes.

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Capital punishment debate

Death penalty serves as deterrent for violent crime



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In a world where murder, terrorism and acts of violence are commonplace on the local news, it is sometimes necessary to use capital punishment.

The idea of executing someone for their crimes is not new, and it has been used throughout history as a means of deterrence and punishing those who committed unspeakable acts of violence.

Ernest van den Haag, a Professor of Jurisprudence at Fordham University who studied the question of deterrence closely, wrote in support of the death penalty.

"Even though statistical demonstrations are not conclusive, and perhaps cannot be, capital punishment is likely to deter more than other punishments because people fear death more than anything else," Haag said. "They fear most death deliberately inflicted by law and scheduled by the courts."

Haag went on to further explain the fear factor of using the death penalty and how that fear is an effective deterrent. This fear is necessary and allows for Americans to know, to some extent, that potential perpetrators of violence are more than likely not going to act on those impulses.

While the death penalty is only used in 36 states, the idea of capital punishment has been around for centuries and has proved time and

time again that it is an effective deterrent when it comes to crime.

The state of Nebraska had gotten rid of the death penalty in 2015, but it was recently brought back in the 2016 elections. This vote was accomplished with 61% majority of voters, this demonstrates that the people want the death penalty and want to see people pay for their crimes.

The death penalty has even been brought up in the Nebraska Supreme Court in 2019, and according to an article from the Omaha World Herald, was protected on the grounds that overturning the law would go against the will of the people in the state of Nebraska.

I am a firm believer if you take a life it is only fair for you to pay with your life. A person on death row willingly took the life of someone's child, friend, loved one or co-worker. While the perpetrator is a person too, they had a choice before they willingly killed someone, and this is the consequence of their actions.

An article from Death Penalty Curriculum identified a study conducted by Isaac Ehrlich that analyzed the use of the death penalty. The study showed that for each person executed under the death penalty, seven lives were spared because others were successfully deterred from killing someone or committing an act of violence.

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Life in prison more beneficial than death for criminals



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I am pro-life. When I tell people I believe all have the right to life, they assume my belief ends once the child is born. This is not the case. I believe everyone has a right to life, including our criminals.

The death penalty is financially irresponsible, immoral and un-American.

From a conservative standpoint, I believe our country should be fiscally smart and not spend money unnecessarily. The cost of executing a murderer, the only crime that carries the death sentence in Missouri, vastly outweighs the cost of a life sentence.

The average cost of a trial where the death penalty is sought costs roughly \$543,324 more than a trial where the death penalty is not asked for, according to Torin McFarland, a professor at Susquehanna University. Multiply this by 25, the amount of people on death row in Missouri as of 2018, according to deathpenalty.org and we are staring at a bill of \$13,583,100.

We cannot afford to pay this. Rather than force society to go into debt, we should be flipping these death sentences to life in prison without parole. During the rest of their days, these criminals can give back to the community they've wronged by providing hard labor such as filling potholes, digging ditches and digging graves. They would be paid below minimum

wage as their housing and food are already provided by the state where they reside.

Thankfully, the death penalty is slowing dying out. Though 38 states have the death penalty, only five have used it frequently. Those five are Texas, Virginia, Oklahoma, Florida and Missouri. Texas is leading the charge with having put 15 people to death between 2018 and 2019.

The other issue with the death penalty is it's immoral.

Again, the only crime in Missouri which carries the death penalty is murder. It is the ultimate act of someone playing God. They had no right to end a life and neither does any judge, jury or governor.

The saying goes "an eye for an eye makes the whole world blind." To mix a deadly cocktail and inject it into the veins of a human is cruel. No human deserves to have their life shortened, no matter their crime.

It's also goes against our founding as a country.

The Declaration of Independence states everyone has a right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. These are our inalienable rights, God-given and legally secured. While murder denies a victim their right to life, it's wrong for us to allow the state to take a life in retaliation.

While some argue that killing these prisoners would be saving lives, they are wrong. Life has already been taken. Blood reaps blood. It is up to us to end the cycle and let capital punishment be something we see as archaic, barbaric and medieval.

OUR VIEW:

LGBTQ students require proper support system

Students in the LGBTQ community have been turning to crowdfunding websites like GoFundMe to fund their education, and they need our support.

Most students starting their life in college know what a relief something as simple as a support system can be. But many students from the LGBTQ community find that they lose this support system after coming out to their families and subsequently being disowned.

According to a report from the William's Institute, 40% of homeless youth identify as LGBTQ. Of the homeless LGBTQ youth, 46% ran away from home due to rejection from their families, while 43% were forced out of the home by parents due to their identity.

If parents are unwilling to house or support their LGBTQ children, then they aren't going to fund their tuition. The financial burden then falls onto the student. The struggle of balancing school and work can be difficult without the emotional support of their families.

Not only are these students

struggling with paying their tuition, but they find themselves forced to face many mental and emotional challenges on their own as well.

The National Alliance on Mental Illness reports that LGBTQ teens were six times more likely to suffer from symptoms of depression than the general population.

A report from DDS Safety Net states that benefits of having a good support system include alleviating stress, increasing a person's feelings of self-confidence and value, and decreasing feelings of loneliness and depression.

Unfortunately, LGBTQ students that have been disowned by their parents find themselves largely without a proper support system.

Northwest states on its admissions web page that it aims to broaden equity, diversity and inclusion across campus. As Bearcats, we have a duty to meet this goal. LGBTQ students finding themselves without a support system must be able to find a new one in their peers.

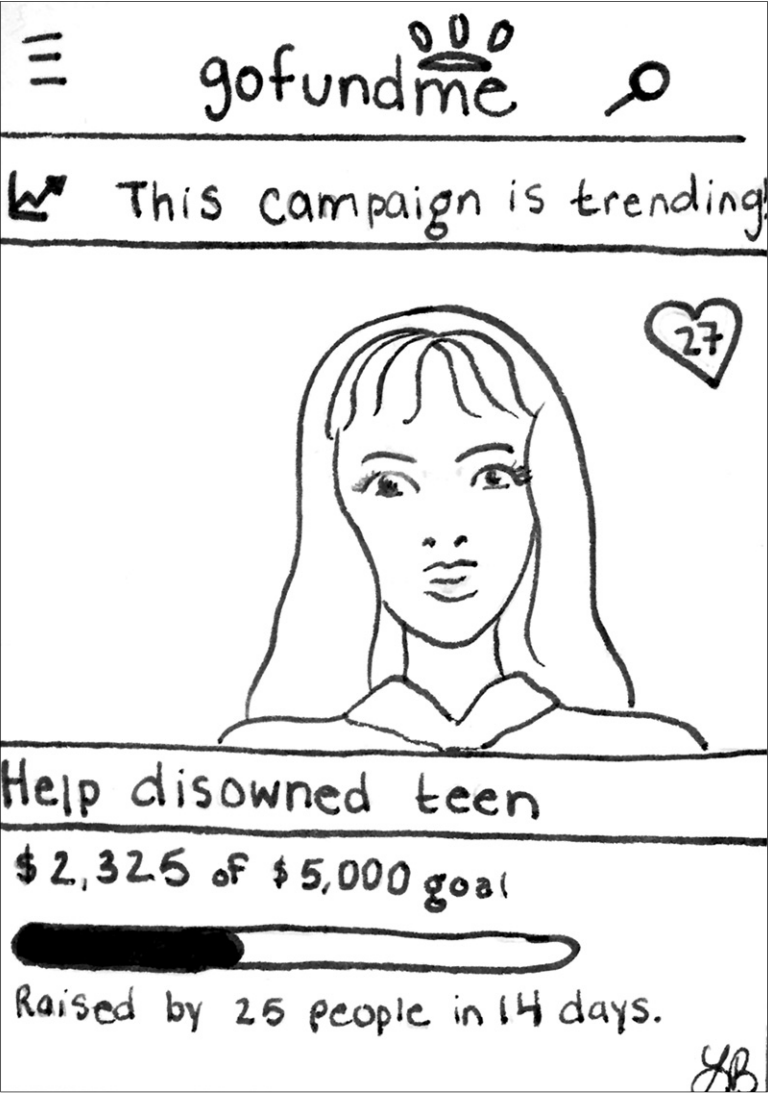
One of the best ways to do so

would be to support them on GoFundMe and help ease their financial burdens.

Even if one cannot donate to these causes, there are other ways that they could help. Simply spreading the word about these GoFundMe campaigns can make a difference.

According to statistics from startup.com, the most successful crowdfunding campaigns result from sharing the links on social media: 12% of Facebook shares, 3% of Twitter shares and 53% of email shares result in donations. Chances are that if one is not in the best financial situation to donate, someone else on social media is.

With so many challenges coming with going to college and trying to adjust to adult life, one less problem to worry about would do a world of good. Supporting LGBTQ students on GoFundMe, either by donating directly or sharing the link for others to donate, is the first step to providing the support system that these students need and deserve.



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CATTERSON
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Prosecuting attorney Robert Rice and special prosecuting attorney Stephanie Watson called their first victim impact witness.

John McCoy, Morgan McCoy's father, took the witness stand where a box of tissues had been placed. John McCoy spoke about his daughter, voice shaking, and asked the judge that Alex Catterson serve 15 years.

The maximum sentence for a DWI involving the death of another is 15 years in Missouri. The prosecuting attorney argued for the maximum sentence. The defense attorney argued for the minimum sentence of 7 years.

Rice called three more of Morgan McCoy's loved ones to give their victim impact statements including previous boyfriend Jerry Kuhler, her Sigma Kappa little Alana Hollingsworth and roommate Riley Buckman.

Each shared stories of Morgan McCoy. They then described the impact the incident had on their lives; all had sought counseling, recounted sleepless nights and thoughts of suicide.

"The truck, the ambulance, Morgan. The truck, the ambulance, Morgan," Buckman said. "It was on a loop in my head."

Brenda McCoy, Morgan McCoy's mother, took the witness stand as the last to give her impact statement from the prosecuting side.

The gallery on the prosecuting side sat shoulder-to-shoulder. Several were left standing behind the fifth row. An urn with Morgan McCoy's ashes was passed around.

Brenda McCoy started out her impact statement, eyes already red, sharing the last thing she had said to her daughter.

"I told the girls to be safe and smart," Brenda McCoy said.

She then explained the moment she woke up to missed calls from Morgan McCoy's friends and rushed to Maryville.

Brenda McCoy shared stories about her daughter. The prosecuting side of the gallery laughed occasionally at the memories and then went back to sniffing.

Talking through tears, Brenda McCoy described her life without Morgan McCoy. She told the court



Alex Catterson was sentenced to 10 years in prison April 19 following his conviction of DWI involving the death of another.

that Morgan McCoy dreamed of becoming a pre-K teacher because she loved little ones — especially her 3-year-old niece, Z.

Z stood in the gallery wearing sparkly sneakers, arms swung over the front bench, and smiled. Someone reached up and brushed back her long brown hair.

Before leaving the witness stand, Brenda McCoy held up a teddy bear that she had brought with her. She squeezed the paw of the teddy bear and Morgan McCoy's laughter projected throughout the courtroom. The quiet cries weren't so quiet anymore.

Brenda McCoy left the witness stand, walked to the prosecuting table and grabbed a canvas collage picturing Morgan McCoy. She had set up the collage to look at while giving her statement.

Z ran out from behind the bench to meet Brenda McCoy. Brenda McCoy crouched down and hugged Z. Together, they walked back to the gallery and took a seat.

Scroggie called his first person to give a victim impact statement. Maryville high school science teacher Rachel Bozarth took the witness stand.

Bozarth painted a picture of Catterson coming off as harsh when she first met him, but later realized it was a defense mechanism he was forced to learn.

She shared a story of Catterson's mom coming to parent-teacher conferences once. She told Catterson the next day at school that his mom was proud and loved him very much. He replied, "not more

than she loves her alcohol."

Seven more of Catterson's friends and family took the witness stand. All gave condolences to the McCoy family, spoke highly of Catterson's character and said he was remorseful.

"He never knew Morgan McCoy, but he will never forget her," family friend Zylpha Duffy said.

Stephanie Allen, Catterson's mother, took the witness stand. Allen spoke through a raspy voice, fighting back the tears, and described the night Morgan McCoy died.

Allen kept her eyes on Catterson for the duration of her testimony, cheeks tear-stained. She said Catterson had to be put on anti-depressants and take sleeping pills after the incident. Allen asked the judge to give Catterson a chance.

Catterson addressed the court from where he was sitting at the defense table. The first thing he said was an apology to the McCoy family.

"I never want to drink again," Catterson said. "I want to go into schools and talk to kids."

After Catterson finished reading from his notes written on notebook paper, he turned his head around to look at Morgan McCoy's family. A tear ran down Catterson's face as he looked at them for second, said sorry again, and then turned around.

The courtroom sat still as Prokes began to give his sentence. Catterson will be in prison for the next decade. Prokes set the appeal bond at \$150,000.

Police blotters for
the week of April 25

Maryville Public Safety

April 19

A summons was issued to **Tasha Lowrance**, 34, for barking dog nuisance at the 400 block of South Buchanan Street.

A summons was issued to **Hazel Hester**, 77, from Burlington Junction, Missouri, for failure to obey a posted stop sign at the intersection of North Laura and East Second Street.

April 20

A summons was issued to **Jeffery Vangundy**, 47, for not having a valid driver's license at the 400 block of West 12th Street.

Northwest Missouri
State University
Police Department

April 17

A summons was issued to **Charles Snipes**, 17, from Guilford, Missouri, for assault at Lot 57.

April 18

There is an open investigation for stealing at Forest Village.

A summons was issued to **Luke Schaberg**, 22, from Minnesota City, Minnesota for driving while impaired at College Park Drive

April 21

A summons was issued to **Alexis Johnson**, 20, for possession of marijuana at College Park Drive.

A summons was issued to **Mariah Smart**, 21, for possession of marijuana at College Park Drive.

A summons was issued to **Dia Jhana**, 20, for possession of marijuana at College Park Drive.

April 22

There is an open investigation for stealing at the Foster Fitness Center.



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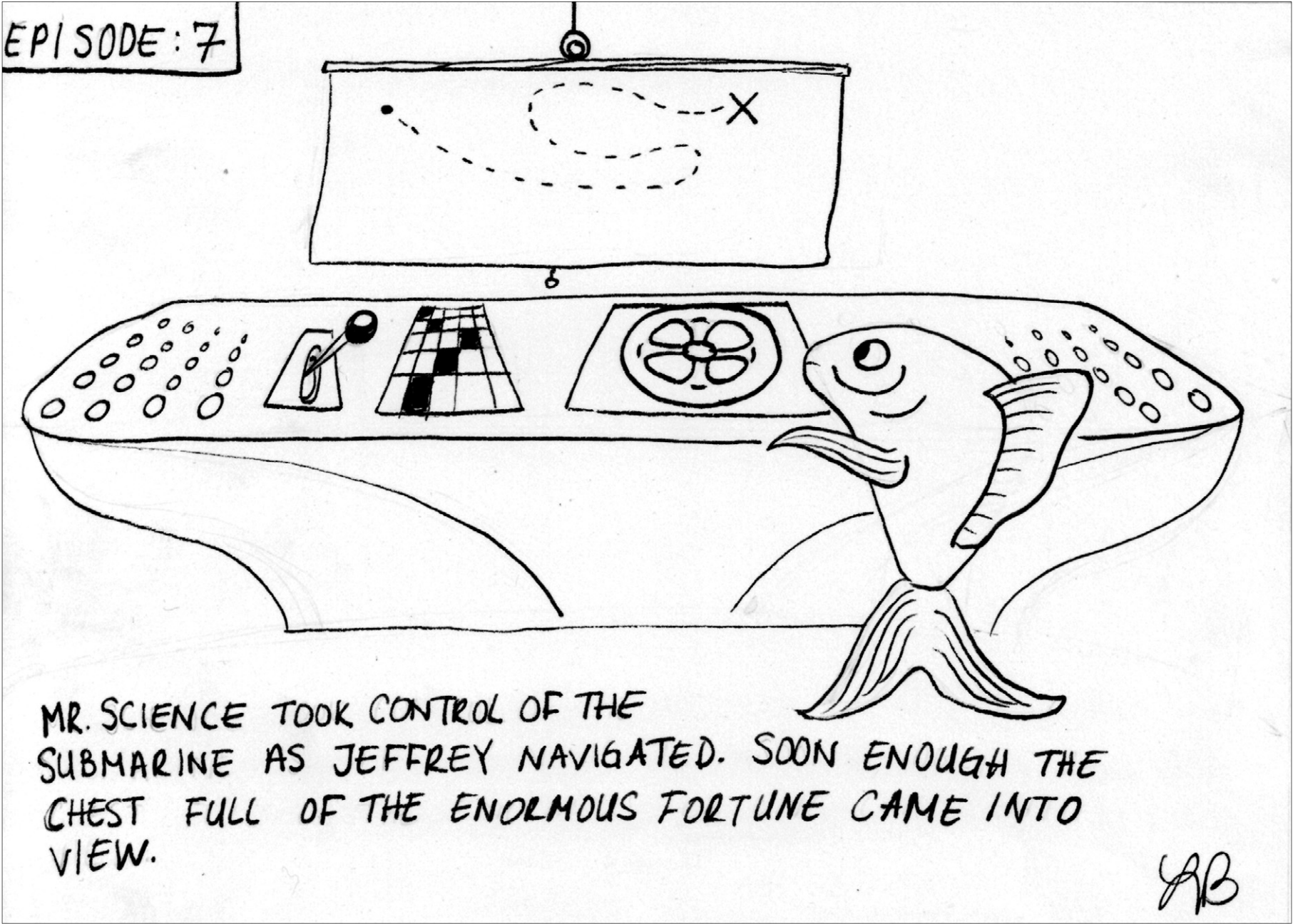
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The Adventures of Mr. Science and Jeffrey



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HOROSCOPE

By MetroCreative

ARIES – Mar 21/Apr 20
You may realize a long-term goal over the next few days, Aries. The sense of accomplishment can inspire you to try new things and set new goals.

TAURUS – Apr 21/May 21
It can be challenging to balance private and public life, Taurus. Make a concerted effort to be open, but don't overshare information, either. Work with others, if necessary.

GEMINI – May 22/Jun 21
Gemini, you want to have momentum, but something trips you up and slows you down considerably. You have to find a work-around if you want to be happy.

CANCER – Jun 22/Jul 22
Older, unresolved issues may bubble up this week and grab at your attention, Cancer. Seek out close companions who may be able to guide you through.

LEO – Jul 23/Aug 23
Leo, consistency at work starts to shine through in your career status and progress at the company. Competition seems to fall away, and you take a leadership role.

VIRGO – Aug 24/Sept 22
Showcase your talents to people unfamiliar with what you can do, Virgo. This renewed enthusiasm may inspire you and others going forward.

LIBRA – Sept 23/Oct 23
Libra, the longer you let your needs go unaddressed, the more the pressure and stress will mount. Find a way to put yourself first this week.

SCORPIO – Oct 24/Nov 22
Your sense of security and routine is put to the test with a new visitor to your household, Scorpio. This visitor may require a few concessions on your part.

SAGITTARIUS – Nov 23/Dec 21
Sagittarius, try your best to breeze through interruptions at work this week. Your projects are all on schedule, and you want to keep them going forward.

CAPRICORN – Dec 22/Jan 20
Your attention may be drawn to the material things in your life right now, Capricorn. It is okay to focus on the niceties surrounding you once in a while.

AQUARIUS – Jan 21/Feb 18
Make some changes at home so that living spaces reflect your personality and desire for comfort and coziness, Aquarius. It can make for more harmonious living.

PISCES – Feb 19/Mar 20
You may be at a loss for words because distractions keep pulling you in different directions, Pisces. Stay the course the best you can.

SUDOKU

By MetroCreative

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Level: Intermediate

CROSSWORD

By MetroCreative

- CLUES ACROSS**
- 1. A way to wound
 - 5. Hormone secreted by the pituitary gland (abbr.)
 - 8. Shows the world
 - 11. Decided
 - 13. Indigenous person of NE Thailand
 - 14. Dough made from corn flour
 - 15. Honors
 - 16. Political commentator Coulter
 - 17. Expresses pleasure
 - 18. Heavy clubs
 - 20. Defunct phone company
 - 21. Algonquian language
 - 22. Salts
 - 25. Act of the bank
 - 30. Danced
 - 31. Drummer Weinberg
 - 32. Small goose
 - 33. Helps evade
 - 38. Certified public accountant
 - 41. Periods of time
 - 43. Kids' book character
 - 45. Type of beer
 - 47. Ancient kingdom near Dead Sea
 - 49. A way to attack
 - 50. Talk radio personality Margery
 - 55. Whale ship captain
 - 56. Request
 - 57. Large underground railstation in Paris
 - 59. BBQ dish
 - 60. No (Scottish)
 - 61. Jewish spiritual leader
 - 62. Tool used to harvest agave
 - 63. Explosive
 - 64. A reward (archaic)

- CLUES DOWN**
- 1. One thousand cubic feet (abbr.)
 - 2. Polite interruption sound
 - 3. Extremely small amount
 - 4. Very short period of time (abbr.)
 - 5. Fires have them
 - 6. Sacred place
 - 7. Island capital
 - 8. Volcanic craters
 - 9. Arthur __, Wimbledon champion
 - 10. Bullfighting maneuver
 - 12. Midway between east and southeast
 - 14. A ceremonial staff
 - 19. Cheap prices
 - 23. North Atlantic fish
 - 24. Oil company
 - 25. A federally chartered savings bank
 - 26. Paddle
 - 27. Where UK soldiers train
 - 28. One point north of due east
 - 29. Attention-getting
 - 34. Ballplayer's tool
 - 35. Sun up in New York

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41. Unit of force (abbr.)
42. Dueling sword
44. Houston hoopster
45. Stone building at Mecca
46. __ and flows
47. "Beastmaster" actor Singer
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51. Swiss river
52. U.S. island territory
53. German physicist
54. One point east of northeast
58. Get free of

Last Week's Solutions

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MADI GLASS | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Tric Courtaway is a nonbinary, transgender student. They proudly wear a pin on their shirt daily that states their pronouns, they/them.

Following roads less traveled

Life experiences assist student in discovering their identity

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They had previously only used their gender neutral name privately with close friends, but upon noticing a spot for preferred name and pronouns on the Northwest application for new students, they made their decision on a whim to come out.

From the Missouri Academy of Science, Mathematics and Computing to a nontraditional student, senior Tric Courtaway, 25, has experienced life through a perspective not many people know or even try to understand.

At a glance, Courtaway is easy to spot with their distinctly blue hair, nonchalant gait with their hands in their pockets and non-formfitting clothes - most likely blue jeans, sneakers and a plaid button up with a T-shirt underneath.

As they get closer, a proud, informative “They/them” pin can be seen on the collar of their plaid shirt.

While coming out on campus for them was spontaneous, telling their parents about their identity was another hurdle they had to overcome.

Courtaway waited to tell them until they were confident enough to handle any backlash. Once they told them, it all came down to reminding and re-explaining everything.

While they did not get disowned like many LGBTQ people tend to face, Courtaway said they wish their family would try to understand more about their identity.

They also love that their family is supportive enough to pay for top surgery, which is a surgical procedure on the breasts.

When it comes to addressing them by their proper pronoun, they don’t mind a few slip-ups as long as there is effort shown.

Courtaway began questioning their gender and sexuality between their gap years, and with the help of a friend, they were able to piece together their sexual and gender orientation.

“I actually have a friend who I’ve known since the Academy, and we pretty much learned about our identities in lockstep with each other,” Courtaway said. “We started questioning our orientations around the same time, had many, many conversations on that note and later started talking about gender together too.”

For Courtaway, they said that having someone they trusted to discuss these things with was incred-

ibly important as it can be difficult to test out ideas that have a lot of stigma attached to them.

With their gender pronouns being uncommon, Courtaway said it took a bit of questioning before they finally realized what they identified with most out of a vast number of identities to choose from.

“What makes you feel like a woman, if you do?” Courtaway said. “When you think of women or you think of men, there’s kind of a general idea of behaviors, demeanor, traits that roughly fit these ideas, and these categories work reasonably well for most people. For myself, I think of these two categories and I can’t really see myself being a part of either.”

Courtaway said gender identity is all about personal comfort.

“Most of gender identity can really only be defined by what feels right or what feels wrong,” Courtaway said. “I know that, for me, being regarded as a woman feels wrong and being regarded as nonbinary or, at the very least, being seen as ‘not a woman’ feels so, so much nicer.”

During their gap years, they also experienced many other changes beyond learning their gender identity.

In the years following graduation from Missouri Academy with an associate’s degree, they didn’t quite end up where they originally thought.

While they had attempted to follow the traditional route of heading straight into college, the issue many stumble upon while in school came up: paying for their education.

Even though life took a different path, Courtaway doesn’t regret those gap years. Despite being away from school for more than six years, they said they were able to learn more about themselves and gain a lot of different experiences.

Courtaway got married a couple of years after graduating, found a job working with dogs at a boarding

and day care business and was able to experience weekly mic nights on Tuesdays at their hometown pub, The Wolf, where they listened to musicians of varying levels.

“I definitely think they (the gap years) contributed to me being well-rounded in general, which will make me look more valuable to grad schools when I apply, as well as a lot of it, the dog stuff, the open mic, being good experiences to have,” Courtaway said. “And given the nature of my upbringing, that weird chain of events pretty much had to happen for me to learn

about my gender and orientation.”

Along with those gap years came a small dose of wisdom through life lessons.

Associate professor and adviser Brian Haile knew Courtaway back in their Academy days, and he said he sees how those gap years have changed them.

“(They were) much younger and much more immature then,” Haile said. “Now (they’re) older, kind of been hit with some of life’s hard knocks. They’ve kind of had to mature

quickly. To me, they’re still pretty young but not as young. The big thing is the maturity and still trying to find their place but knowing more about themselves.”

Courtaway even admitted that without those years between, they may not have joined Helping Everyone Regardless of Orientation, the LGBTQ organization on campus. They enjoy the instant kinship everybody has and have found lasting connections there.

They attend HERO meetings every week unless something important comes up.

Freshman Noah Wolfe met Courtaway at a HERO meeting, and while they slowly became better friends, Wolfe said they really got to know each other when they invited him to a Gregory Alan Isakov concert.

To most people, Courtaway is a calm and somewhat reserved person, but to their friends, they un-

derstand the shyness is from them analyzing everything and taking it all in.

“When I first met them, I got the impression that they were a very kind and gentle soul, and I still absolutely believe that,” Wolfe said. “Now I just see a little bit more of the chaotic side. ... You absolutely should expect it from a person with blue hair and multiple ear piercings, but like seeing Tric, you just don’t.”

Junior Starr McClain said they feel like there are a lot people who can learn from Courtaway about simply being a friend.

“Even if it’s not something that they agree with or they can’t see the passion with, seeing the passion within someone else is enough to support them for it,” McClain said. “That’s something I really, really love about Tric.”

For McClain, Courtaway has been a great supporter and close friend for them, especially last year when they needed help packing while they had the flu and when their family had disowned them.

“Over these past two years, Tric has kind of become one of my biggest friends and supporters, and they have helped me so much,” McClain said. “Just them being them is amazing.”

Courtaway does their best to help everybody, especially during hard times, whether that be through sharing and boosting GoFundMe’s or asking people how they’re doing over Starbucks.

“They (Tric) offered to help when my car needed to be fixed and ended up paying for about half of it,” Wolfe said. “They’ve continually let me know if I need anything they’re there for me, which is awesome and really reassuring since it’s hard not to feel alone when this kind of thing happens. My blood family disowned me, but I had already built a chosen family here, with Tric as a part of that.”

Through experience, patience and kindness, Courtaway has found a home at Northwest. While life didn’t always go the way they planned it, they learned to go with the flow and enjoy the journey.

“Life’s an adventure,” Courtaway said. “Things don’t always take the path that you expect or what society tells you is the norm. It doesn’t always go that way, and it’s always good to question that and deal with what works for yourself. Even if it doesn’t look like the standard thing, it will work out eventually.”

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-Tric Courtaway



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN
Senior Kelly Hoffmann participates in the Red Sand Project April 17, helping bring awareness to the millions of victims of modern slavery around the world. In front of Garrett-Strong, Hoffmann keeps a steady hand regardless of the windy weather, in an effort to get as much of the brightly colored sand into the sidewalk crack as possible.

Red Sand Project raises awareness

PRIYANKA PATEL
Missourian Reporter | @Priyanka_xo_

As people walk around campus, glimmers of red can be seen in many of Northwest’s sidewalk cracks. There are curious glances and double takes as the distinguishable red sand catches their attention; the sand represents more than the eye can see.

The Student Senate Inclusion Committee and members of Northwest’s UNICEF chapter organized The Red Sand Project at noon April 17, starting from the Memorial Bell Tower.

The Red Sand Project is activist artwork created to raise awareness of human trafficking and modern-day slavery. According to redsandproject.org, there are more than 40 million people who live as slaves.

Immigrants, refugees, LGBTQ people, women and children are most at-risk of being enslaved and spending their lives exploited to benefit the profit of others according to redsandproject.org.

To recognize this, students poured red sand into sidewalk cracks to take a stand for victims of modern-day slavery, which is institutional slavery that still exists today.

Student Senate Inclusion Committee member and sophomore Dipika Sharma said it’s important for students to learn about modern-day slavery.

“In the age of consumerism, it’s crucial for people to know about where their necessities are coming from, as most of the things we buy every day have some slavery footprints on them,” Sharma said. “I think students are the leaders of today and tomorrow, so asking ques-

tions about where the items of what we buy or use come from will make an impact on a larger scale.”

President of the Northwest UNICEF Chapter and senior Kathrine Gerhardt said it was approached by the inclusion committee at the beginning of the year.

“They told us about the project and how Dr. Ford (associate professor Elyssa Ford) had been wanting to bring it to campus,” Gerhardt said. “Children across the globe are directly impacted by human trafficking, whether that’s child labor or sex trafficking, so it was kind of a no-brainer to take part.”

The temporary earthwork can be viewed for the rest of this semester in an effort to raise awareness of and combat human trafficking—raising important questions about modern-day slavery.

Gerhardt said the project allowed her to focus on the issue of human trafficking.

“We may not think about it all the time, but we definitely profit off of it every day,” Gerhardt said. “I think the physical act of pouring the sand is something I’ll remember, and it will hopefully force me to think about where I buy things from.”

Sharma said the committee will do the project again next year.

“We look forward to getting more sand and reaching out to more people on campus, pouring red sands in sidewalk cracks everywhere,” Sharma said.

Red Sand Project installations have taken place everywhere across America and in 70 countries around the world, with students, businesses, survivors and even celebrities helping raise awareness through participating.

THE STROLLER:

Your Bearcat wants roommate communication to get better

With the end of the year comes panic, both over finals and finalizing last minute details as people prepare to move for the summer. Everything should be going smoothly, but instead we’re sitting here wondering why a stranger is in our house.

If the suggestion is made that a “friend” will be moving in for the summer, a number of questions should be asked and promptly answered: Will this “friend” be paying rent? Will they have transportation since everyone else in the house won’t be available 24/7 to act as a taxi? Are all the roommates aware that this person is moving in?

Is the person that has already made arrangements to move in next

semester aware that their room is being rented out?

A lot of issues come up when you decide to drop everything and invite this “friend” to live with you — especially since it won’t just be you that they are living with.

While you are thrilled with the fact that you’ll get to play house for the summer, the rest of us are now worrying about how to reorganize the kitchen to accommodate one more person’s groceries.

Let us not forget the landlord. If you haven’t bothered to warn the people you’re living with about this new situation, I doubt you have informed the guy we pay rent to, either.

Speaking of rent, you can’t just

use the excuse of, “Oh, this just means our shares of rent will go down a little,” and expect it to solve all the problems we are facing. An extra \$25 a month in my pocket, while nice, does not change the fact that there is one more person to adjust my shower schedule for.

With so much going on, please be good to your current and future roommates. Communication is key to avoiding yet another unnecessary headache as the school year comes to a close.

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Culture, diversity honored at annual ISO dinner

ANGEL TRINH
A&E Reporter | @acutanglewrote

Approximately 100 people in formal and traditional attire celebrated the diverse culture at Northwest with food, music and dance in a candle-lit room.

International Student Organization hosted its annual dinner with food from countries like India, Nepal, Mexico and Thailand April 19 in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

The event started with a Nepalese instrumental duet by juniors Susan Maharjan and Saroj Poudel, playing the bansuri (a bamboo flute) and the madal (a drum).

After dinner, junior Talitha Santana Baez and sophomore Kylie Miller performed a hip-hop dance. “We wanted to dance because we just want to have fun,” Santana Baez said. “Hip-hop is also part of culture. It’s not just what you think culture is. It’s also dance, language and how you express yourself.”

Other performances included freshman Priya Poudyal covering the song Riptide by Vance Joy, Bob and Group presenting a group dance and Canon Band performing a traditional Nepalese song.

ISO president and junior Abha Niraula organized the event to bring ethnic foods to the Northwest community.

“I feel like a lot of international students don’t get enough (ethnic) food here,” Niraula said. “We either have to cook it ourselves or go to Kansas City (Missouri) to find food from home. ... We just wanted everyone to come together, get some good food and watch some amazing performances.”

ISO spent around two months planning out the details for the dinner. Maharjan was excited to receive an email from the planning committee about performance sign-ups.

He was excited to meet people from different backgrounds.

“We can include everyone around the world,” Maharjan said. “People who go to this event can learn many things that happen outside of the United States. Some people come here to meet people



JUSANI JACKSON | NW MISSOURIAN
Canon Band performs a traditional Nepalese song during the International Student Organization dinner April 19. Approximately 100 people were in attendance to enjoy the different cultures presented.

from other countries and make connections with.”

Niraula wanted to have a space where everyone was represented.

“We pride ourselves, at Northwest, on our diversity,” Niraula said. “So I think it’s important that we recognize each other’s cultures, respect them and be involved in other’s cultures.”

ISO adviser Erika Lees enjoyed the performances most, even when she didn’t understand the words to certain songs.

“We have a lot of talented students here at Northwest,” Lees said. “(I enjoy seeing) them get to show off their talents by playing some traditional instruments or singing songs from their home country. Like one student (the singer of Canon Band) said tonight, even if you don’t understand the words, you

can still enjoy the music.”

After the performances, Niraula announced the end of the program and thanked everyone for coming.

People stayed an extra 40 minutes to take pictures with the silver backdrop and dance to music from all over the world, DJed by Coordinator of Diversity and Inclusion Adam Gonzales.

“Since we already have the room, we’d figured we’d have people come in and dance,” Niraula said.

Lees was happy with the turnout for the event.

“I just want to say thank you to everyone who came,” Lees said. “I know it’s a holiday weekend. A lot of people went home, but we still had a really good turnout. A lot of people really appreciated the event.”

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LOE
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“After 26 years of coaching, I think I am a lot more of a calmer coach, I used to get thrown out of games and yell at our players and throw fits, thinking that’s the way to get your message across,” Loe said. “I think now I’ve learned that maybe that makes me feel better, but that doesn’t do anything for the quality of the program.”

He especially learned this through tough MIAA play.

“In the MIAA, the key to having success is to minimize losing streaks, you know,” Loe said. “How do you do that? When I was young and dumb, I would yell and scream to try and get them motivated that way, and now 26 years later, I know

that to beat a player down that is already down isn’t going to help us.”

During his first three years as a manager, Loe struggled with his old ideas of coaching as he tallied a record of 73-87. After his beginning hiccups, he did something no Northwest manager had done before by having a winning season for seven straight years (2002-2008). From 2009 to 2015, it was another slump as he put together multiple losing seasons in a row.

Before long, he was back on the winning side of the board with two 30-win seasons, including the first MIAA Championship trophy last year. This was the first conference championship since 1983.

For players like Jay Hrdlicka, who have been on the team for four years now, Loe has had a deep influence on the person that

he has become.

“Coach Loe has helped me get better physically as a player, of course, but I think the main way he has helped me grow as a player and person is the mental game,” Hrdlicka said. “I came in as somewhat of a hot-headed freshman who was very hard on myself, and he has always preached to keep looking forward to the next at-bat or the next play and to control what you can control. That’s something I have learned to use on and off the field from him.”

Loe’s new adaptive style of coaching has given his players something more as they have gained a mental edge and focus that allots for success.

“Coach is always looking forward regardless of the situation the team is in, and that helps the team a lot as a whole,” Hrdlicka said. “I

have learned a lot in college in that regard from him and that is to just keep going no matter the circumstances during a baseball game or in life.”

On any given day, it would be no surprise if Loe were to mention the phrase, “trust the process.” This is one of the key components that helped Loe’s growth as a coach.

This phrase comes from the idea that he talks about taking each problem at a time. Instead of getting worked up about things, he understands it’s a mental game and to get frustrated or mad at a player doesn’t help any situations.

“We focus on the process, we don’t get caught up in winning or losing, we want to minimize the amount of garbage going through our heads and focus on one pitch at a time,” Loe said. “It sounds cliché,

but that’s what makes teams successful is only focusing on a small thing, not winning a series or winning a championship.”

Many of his players are thankful for his attitude and what he gives to them and the rest of the team. He teaches, he coaches and he learns with the team, and that’s what makes him a great leader to the squad.

“I think the biggest thing I have learned from coach Loe is there are no shortcuts to success,” Hrdlicka said. “He preaches to focus on the process every day and the results you want will come. That mentality has paid dividends for the teams I have been on in my years here and for me individually.”



AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior catcher Alixon Herrera is having one of the best statistical seasons of his career. After battling an MCL injury last year, the 26-year-old is hitting .327 with a career-high in RBIs with 34.

HERRERA
CONTINUED FROM **A12**

Herrera said he makes an effort to reach out to his family but because of the circumstances, he often goes a while without hearing from some of them.

“I try and talk to them every single day,” Herrera said. “It’s difficult, especially with the situation in Venezuela. Right now there is an electric shortage, so in the cities, they might have three or four hours of electricity and go 20-25 hours without electricity.”

Hyperinflation has paralyzed the country as well. Herrera recalled when he first moved to the states one U.S. dollar was worth four Venezuelan bolivars. In today’s markets, one U.S. dollar translates to 50 Venezuelan bolivars.

By the end of 2018, prices doubled every 19 days throughout the country. The International Monetary Fund projects Venezuela’s annual inflation rate will rise to 10 million percent in 2019.

“It’s a little tough, especially whenever you can’t do anything to help more with the struggle they’re going through,” Herrera said. “They’re great about it. They try not to bother me or say anything because they know I have my problems too. ... Just having a good conversation eases my mind

and takes everything away from the political side.”

Herrera’s struggle doesn’t go unnoticed. Coach Darin Loe said Herrera deserves recognition for what he’s been able to do for himself to better his family.

“Credit goes to what Alixon has been through, his character coming out of Venezuela and coming to the United States and learning to speak English and getting the opportunity to play at cloud then ending up at Northwest,” Loe said. “He’s been through a lot as a person and as an athlete, and he’s done a great job.”

Playing ever since he can remember, Herrera grew up idolizing MLB stars such as Miguel Cabrera who also call Maracay their home. Herrera went to a baseball academy in his town that was just an hour and 27 minutes west of the capital city.

Before entering the academy, Herrera played all over the infield, starting games in all positions on the diamond when he was younger. When physical tests were done at his academy, one of the coaches suggested that he would have more success if he was a catcher.

“When I was 16 and went to the academy, I had never caught before in my life,” Herrera said. “It’s one of the scariest things to do. Catching a guy (pitching) 92-93 mph is not easy. Even though I had been playing baseball 15 years

before that, catching wasn’t easy at all for me.”

When Herrera turned 20, he made his way to the United States. Once in the country, he didn’t know any English and started an English program in Kentucky while trying to play baseball. Herrera was able to make his way to Concordia, Kansas, to Cloud County Community College where, through a friend, he found his way on the team there.

During his time with the Thunderbirds, the 5-foot-9 catcher batted .335 with 19 RBIs and a home run.

“We contacted the coached at Cloud County and we were in the market for a catcher,” Loe said. “We wanted to obviously find the best catcher we could, and we found Alixon and we were able to get him to school here, and he’s just been a great representative for our program.”

Herrera joined the Bearcats in 2017 for his junior year, where he hit .205 with 10 RBIs and six multi-hit games in 34 appearances. Behind the dish, he caught six would-be base stealers.

In what would’ve been his final season at Northwest, the Bearcats were 15 games into the schedule when Herrera was involved in a collision at the plate that left him with a torn MCL and a partially fractured fibula.

“He got injured in the middle of our season, and fortunately, we were able to send in the NCAA pa-

perwork and get him an extra year,” Loe said. “Obviously he’s a great player and a great person, and we’re very excited to have him back for his second senior season.

Back in the regular lineup, Herrera is having one of the best years of his career. The 26-year-old is batting .327 with a career-highs in both RBIs (34) and doubles (14) while playing in the most games in a season.

“He’s always full of energy and has a great arm,” Loe said. “He swings the bat extremely well. On the field, he does a great job but his personality off the field we are going to miss. He’s a great leader and

a great person and a great part of our team.”

As Herrera’s time with the Bearcats draws to a close, he said he wants to go back to his home country and give back to the kids that are in the situation that he was in growing up.

“I would like to try to help the kids from the ghettos,” Herrera said. “(I want to) try and create a baseball academy, that’s what got me here. When I was a little kid we didn’t have many resources; we didn’t have any money. Through hard work, through having dreams, I set my goal and I tried to achieve my goal, and here I am.”

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AMANDA WISTUBA | NW MISSOURIAN

Many former Spoofhounds have helped develop the success of the distance program throughout the past years before senior Will Mattock took to the track in 2015 for his freshman season.

Track senior set to leave legacy

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Being a consistent top finisher in both district and state events for a number of different sports isn't something just anyone can accomplish. Maryville senior Will Mattock, however, is an exception.



While Mattock is involved in a number of other activities like academic team and being the co-captain of the highly successful varsity boys soccer team, running is his true talent and passion, even if his love for it didn't come until later on.

"I never actually ran as a kid but I did a lot of soccer, so that's where

I got my start," Mattock said. "My friends and I would play for hours, so if I did any running or working out that'd be it."

Though running – especially long distance – isn't something that most people gravitate towards, Mattock saw a challenge and wanted to perfect it, even though he had no prior training in the sport.

"I've known him since he was a freshman and you could see that he was a kid that had promise, but obviously, he's pushed and pushed to get to where he is now," Maryville track and field coach Nathan Powell said.

Mattock said when he first started running, he was a novice.

"When I came in, I thought I

was pretty athletic, but I had absolutely no form in my running," Mattock said. "Over the four years, my coaches kind of helped me get that down and maximize the efficiency of my running."

With an equally successful older brother, Dominic, four years ahead of him, Mattock got his initial interest for running from watching and attending his brother's middle school and high school meets.

"My brother ran in high school," Mattock said. "He graduated when I was an incoming freshman, so I just saw him and really wanted to keep the family legacy going. It looked like fun going to all of the meets with all of the kids,

so I just wanted to be out there doing that too."

With both brothers holding onto top personal record finishes in events like the men's 3200-meter, 1600-meter and 800-meter races, the competition extends beyond just Maryville records and into their personal legacies.

"I think people want to emulate my running history and try to run at the same kind of level that I did," Mattock said. "I think they want to try and be as successful as the group of runners that I necessarily ran with."

While there was always family competition between the two brothers, Mattock also had friendly

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Maryville

competitions with many of his past long-distance partners.

"He's had great examples in front of him with Caleb Feuerbacher and Josh Sanders and some of the older distance kids that've been here," Powell said.

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'Hounds coach leads team, business

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With the regular season's end rapidly approaching, Maryville baseball is at a standstill with a record teetering just above .500 at 7-6.



After having found some much-needed offense at the mid-way point of the season, the Spoofhounds appear to have lost their momentum at the plate at an inopportune time.

Coach Carson Riedel is ready to steer the ship straight and get the recent play corrected.

"We are just making a lot of simple mistakes with our mechanics," Riedel said. "Looking at some of the issues that we are having, it relates to stuff these guys learned as kids. It is mainly just a combination of all the little things at the plate and on the diamond."

Even with the team's recent skid at the plate, Riedel still believes his team can compete with anybody in the Midland Empire Conference. The main issue that has plagued the Spoofhounds has been consistency. Whether that is consistency at the plate, in the field or on the mound, the 'Hounds have



MADI GLASS | NW MISSOURIAN

Senior Adam Becker and the rest of the Spoofhounds have hit a rough patch in their season with a record of 7-6.

yet to put together a consistent seven innings in all phases.

Consistency is something that Riedel wishes to see more of out of his squad. Being a local business owner in Maryville, Riedel understands that consistency is very important and leads to success. He opened Carson's Sports Grill in 2006 and has provided locals and college students with a consistent and friendly restaurant.

"It is funny because how it all came about," Riedel said. "We noticed the lack of a grill in town when we would drive up to Iowa to see the in-laws. Then we got to talking about it and everything just kind of fell into place."

Riedel, his wife and in-laws were all a part of bringing Carson's to

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April 25-27
Chillicothe

Maryville. To make it easier, he was approaching 15 years in the restaurant business. Riedel never expected the restaurant to get where it is today, just like he never expected to find himself the coach of a baseball team.

Owning a local bar and grill and coaching a high school baseball team sounds like quite a load, but Riedel appears to relish the situation. It helped that he had his wife and in-laws to help with the restaurant when he decided to take the reigns of the program.

The pride that Riedel and his family have taken in the restaurant is second to none. Riedel has experience building culture through the restaurant and now is looking to change the culture of the Spoofhound baseball program.

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USTFCCA National Rankings	
Points	
Angelo State.....	163.82
Grand Valley State.....	149.02
Colorado School of Mines.....	144.95
West Texas A&M.....	142.54
Texas A&M-Kingsville.....	133.11
Lincoln (Mo.).....	132.97
Saint Augustine's.....	113.05
Ashland.....	109.78
Central Missouri.....	103.47
Texas A&M-Commerce.....	101.28
Tiffin.....	94.71
NORTHWEST.....	79.90
Missouri Southern.....	78.45
Adams State.....	76.58
Queens (N.C.).....	74.35

NW WOMEN'S GOLF	
MIAA Championship	
Scores	
1. Northeastern State.....	902
2. Central Missouri.....	905
3. Central Oklahoma.....	920
4. Missouri Western.....	922
5. NORTHWEST.....	931
T6. Nebraska-Kearney.....	933
T6. Lindenwood.....	933
8. Fort Hays State.....	1,006
9. Southwest Baptist.....	1,125
10. Missouri Southern.....	1,144

NW BASEBALL	
MIAA Standings	
Overall MIAA	
Missouri Southern.....	29-14 20-7
Central Missouri.....	27-12 19-8
Central Oklahoma.....	28-15 17-10
Emporia State.....	24-16 17-10
Pittsburg State.....	23-18 15-12
Lindenwood.....	22-20 15-12
Missouri Western.....	18-17 15-12
NORTHWEST.....	18-22 14-13
Washburn.....	20-19 12-15
Southwest Baptist.....	16-25 8-19
Northeastern State.....	11-31 8-19
Fort Hays State.....	3-34 2-25

NW SOFTBALL	
MIAA Standings	
Overall MIAA	
Central Oklahoma.....	38-4 20-2
Missouri Western.....	30-14 17-5
Central Missouri.....	31-17 15-7
Pittsburg State.....	24-22 15-7
Northeastern State.....	24-23 12-10
Emporia State.....	23-24 12-10
Nebraska Kearney.....	18-22 12-12
Lindenwood.....	26-14 11-11
Pittsburg State.....	23-24 11-11
Fort Hays State.....	20-21 11-13
Missouri Southern.....	19-20 10-12
NORTHWEST.....	11-24 6-16
Southwest Baptist.....	6-44 3-20
Lincoln.....	4-42 1-21

April 25, 2019

Golf prepares for postseason schedule

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Maryville boys golf is headed down the back nine of its season as it gets set for the district tournament April 29.

The Spoofhounds hit the road April 22 to St. Joseph and had their fair share of representation in the Bishop LeBlond Invitational Tournament.

Junior Trent Shell and senior Peyton Frueh led the charge for the 'Hounds with an 18-hole total of 85. That score was good for Shell and Frueh to be tied for 10th in the



tournament overall.

Senior Matthew Madden was right behind them with a score of 87, senior Connor Durbin shot an 89, and to finish things off, freshman Trevin Cunningham shot a 95. The compiled score of 346 put the Spoofhounds third as a team behind St. Pius X and Bishop LeBlond.

The team faced a familiar course in the St. Joseph Country Club. Despite being one of the tougher courses in the area, coach Brenda Ricks feels as if this prepares the boys for their difficult district course, the Shirkey Golf Course in Richmond, Missouri.

"Fortunately for us, we get to

play at the country club down the road, and that course is all about course management," Ricks said. "These are tough courses where you have to plan your shots. You can't think about where you want to shoot from, you have to think about where your best position is."

This year's team was faced with what some teams would call adversity. The squad has six seniors but it's been younger guys – namely, Shell and Cunningham – who knew they'd have to step up into some important roles this year.

"There's great potential on this team. We've had good tournaments and we've had our bad tour-

naments," Shell said. "I've had a pretty successful season myself, but aside from that, my main goal heading into the district tournament is to get this team back to state."

The 'Hounds will be back in action April 24 at home as they host a tournament at Mozingo Golf Course. After that, they'll have a tournament April 26 in Richmond at the Shirkey Golf Course and then the district tournament April 29.

Madden knows the significance of playing at the golf course your district tournament is at. After everything they've been through thus far in the season, he said the goals for this team in his farewell campaign.

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Richmond Tournament

April 26

Shirkey Golf Course, Richmond

"From the beginning of the season we've had everybody step up into roles that they're able to compete in," Madden said. "Looking into it now, we have a big confidence boost in our last few tournaments and the overall mission is very possible and the same as it has been. Make it to state as a team."

Spoofhounds fall to familiar conference foe

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After a late-game goal stunned the Spoofhounds, Maryville girls soccer plans to quickly regroup heading into the latter part of the Midland Empire Conference season.

As many high schools have their enemies, nemeses and arch rivals, Maryville (7-6) is no different.

The Spoofhounds and Warriors have battled on multiple sports surfaces for some time. The most recent chapter of the saga came April 23 at St. Pius X.

After pre-game rituals concluded and both teams took their positions to start the match, the stage was set for first touch.

Through the first 20 minutes, both teams took turns trading possessions and sending the ball to one another's side of the field.

Junior forward Morgan Pettlon broke the stalemate by scoring a goal from inside the goalie box to give the 'Hounds the 1-0 advantage.

Strong defensive play through the final 20 minutes of the first half helped Maryville carry the one-goal edge into the locker room.

As the second half whistle sounded, the initial performance reflected that of the first half. Nei-



ther team could seem to distance itself from the opposition.

Midway through the final half, Pius evened the score at one as the Warriors found the back of the net from 20 feet away.

The gridlock would be carried until the end of regulation and extra time was awarded. Pius scored during extra time to take the lead and end the contest, winning 2-1.

Although there are a few plaguing injuries that have been deemed detrimental to the 'Hounds, coach Dale Reuter doesn't want that to be the focus and feels his team is ready for the next challenge.

"I feel we are where we need to be at this time," Reuter said. "Injuries have plagued us a bit, but I think we will get through it and come out stronger."

With these injuries, Reuter has had to dig deeper into his bench to be successful on the playing field.

"We are preparing for the rest of our season by fixing our faults and enhancing what we do best," Reuter said. "We are also going to play a lot of different girls and make our bench deeper due to the nagging injuries we have experienced."

As a sixth-year head coach, Reuter has seen many different ways that a team can be successful. But he feels this year's roster is some-

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5 p.m. April 25

St. Joseph

thing far different than what has been seen in the past.

"While I think each team is special in their own way, I like the balance of this team the best," Reuter said. "I feel that in each level of the game, whether it be attacking or defending, we have fantastic balance."

Not everyone gets the opportunity to call themselves a Spoofhound, Reuter said. The soccer coach wants to make sure his team knows they are something special.

"We are more than just a team,"

Reuter said. "We are a group of young people who are willing to work hard for something and not just themselves. We work hard for the people and community we call home. We take pride in who we are and where we come from. Respect all, fear none."



MADI NOLTE | NW MISSOURIAN

Maryville girls soccer fell to St. Pius X, 2-1, April 23 due to an extra time goal. The Spoofhounds will travel to St. Joseph to take on Benton April 25.

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Catcher finds refuge in baseball

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As Northwest senior catcher Alix-on Herrera took the field against Fort Hays State April 5, he walked to the edge of the dirt behind home plate, crouched down and scribbled two names, surrounding them with a circle.

For Herrera, the names serve as reminders for everything — for why he plays the sport, how he got here, for everything he’s worked for.

“I put down the names of my son and my dad,” Herrera said. “My dad because he taught me almost everything I know about work ethic and fighting for your dream. Every time I put it down in the field, it reminds me to go 110% every day. (I put) my son because he’s the driving force that motivates me to get better and that’s why I’m out there every day. They are both very important in my life.”

In Herrera’s homeland of Venezuela, things aren’t quite as simple as they are in Maryville.

Over the past few years, a country once known for its rich baseball tradition and its joyful people has been redefined by political unrest and stricken by poverty.

Baseball is a way of life for most in Venezuela, and for Herrera, the sport served as a place of refuge and a way out of the politically unstable climate.

“Political stuff down there (is a) big thing,” Herrera said. “It’s not like here. You don’t see people talking about politics very often. Down there, you see people every single day talking about politics. Even growing up I remember a couple of my family members didn’t talk to each other because they disagreed on political points of view.”

In April 2013, Nicolás Maduro was narrowly elected as the president of Venezuela after the death of his socialist mentor and predecessor in office, Hugo Chávez. Maduro won the election by 1.6 percentage points. After his first term, the economy took a turn for the worst, and many people blamed him and the socialist regime for the decline.

After a rough first term, Maduro was controversially elected to a second six-year term in May 2018.

Some opposing candidates during the election were prohibited from running due to legal allegations, while others were jailed or fled the country for fear of being incarcerated. During his swearing-in ceremony, the National Assembly argued that because the election was unfair, Maduro was a dictator and the presidency was vacant.

Because of the unfairness of the election, the president of the National Assembly, Juan Guaidó, cited articles 233 and 333 of the Venezuelan constitution, which explains the head of the National Assembly takes over as acting president if the current president is unsatisfactory.

On Jan. 23, Guaidó declared himself the acting president of Venezuela.

Herrera explained the political unrest in his homeland caused an abundance of unwanted negativity.

“It brought a lot of hate to the country,” Herrera said. “I think that these people have screwed up a really beautiful country. (The people) are really happy people, and they just came in and did the damage and they are still doing the damage. There’s nothing we can do as of right now.”

Since then, the United States has declared its loyalty to Guaidó. This — for obvious reasons — upset Maduro, so he cut all ties with the United States and gave all American diplomats 72 hours to leave the country.

Herrera has had the opportunity to go back to Venezuela since he moved to the states but he said nothing is the same as he remembered.

“Each time I went down there, everything looked way worse,” Herrera said. “It’s deteriorating every single time I went. It’s heart-breaking because (I) grew up in a place that doesn’t even exist anymore. The Venezuela that I remember, the Venezuela that is on my mind is way different than what is going on now. It’s a whole other country.”

The South American country has suffered from food and power shortages, and because of this, more than 3 million Venezuelans have left the country they once called home, according to the United Nations.

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Venezuela native, senior catcher Alixon Herrera, has utilized his talent and passion for baseball to escape the restless political environment of his home country.

Skipper provides positive outlook during slump

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The Northwest baseball team suffered a recent string of losses as it has fallen in seven of its last eight games. Regardless of the outcomes, coach Darin Loe knows this team is special and can prove something with just a little positivity.

Entering Loe’s 26th year of coaching, he has many accolades, including Northwest’s all-time wins leader for a baseball coach. But, it’s his history that built his resume and it’s his positive approach that executed it.

For Loe, this game isn’t about straining his voice or breaking things in the dugout. Instead, Loe takes an optimistic vision, as his coaching style promotes growth to players through helpful discussions rather than fiery meltdowns. This style is generated by his experience as a skipper, but Loe hasn’t always been this level-headed manager; he had to learn the rules of the trade through success and failure, time and time again.

Loe’s climb began early through various jobs within different athletic departments. As he bounced around from various colleges to finally get to Northwest.

“A friend of mine was coaching at Missouri Valley College in Marshall, Missouri, and he called and said they had a job down there, so I took that position as a pitching coach,” Loe said. “A year later, I became the head coach, so I was the head coach and assistant football coach for two years. Then went to Baker University in the same position and then this job opened up and I had always heard great things about Northwest.”

Before anything happened on the coaching side of things, Loe was a fastball-first pitcher that had dreams of doing something more.

Growing up on a farm in Min-



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After a brief career in the minor leagues and 26 years in coaching, Northwest baseball coach Darin Loe has adapted his style of coaching to benefit his players and the program.

nesota, Loe knew the idea of blue-collar living, but baseball was a different skill to pick up. He gained power in his throw through time as he would always play catch with his dad when there was nothing else to do.

That farm in Minnesota is where his passion grew, but his drive came from those before him. Loe was a hard thrower that loved to idolize flamethrowers like Nolan Ryan, and Loe wanted to someday join him in the ranks of pitchers to dominate their opponents.

“I felt like growing up I was a hard-throwing right-hander, so just growing up watching Nolan Ryan, you know some of those guys pitch,” Loe said. “Then once you get into the coaching world, Sparky Lyle and some of the older coaches that had done the coaching job right, I felt like those were guys I

liked to watch and emulate.”

Loe started the pursuit of his dreams when he enrolled in Valley City State University, where he majored in business and physical education with a coaching minor. There he played part-time on the football team and the baseball team.

There he set records for all types of pitching stats as he still remains the leader in career wins and strikeouts as well as having the most strikeouts in a season with 121 in 1987. These accolades pushed him to the next level as he was drafted by the Seattle Mariners in the 26th round of the 1989 MLB June Amateur Draft.

His route to the majors started in the Mariners short Class-A season with the Bellingham Mariners. There he struggled a bit with a 5.98 ERA in 40.2 innings pitched, but nevertheless, he moved on to the

next stage with the Peninsula Pilots in 1990. The Pilots were the Mariner Class A Advanced ball team, and there, Loe excelled with a 3.25 ERA in 88.2 innings pitched and accumulated 76 strikeouts.

He continued to push his way up the ranks as he made it to Class High-A ball in his third year in the minors and even got an invitation to spring training.

He was on pace with his development and was still hoping one day that he would get a shot at the bigs, but before that, he suffered a back injury that called for surgery that took speed off of his fastball and led to his release in October 1992.

Just like that, his playing career was over, but his dreams of being a coach were just in the setting stages. From there, he decided to get his masters from North Dakota State

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to help jump-start his pursuit to his coaching dreams. Loe loved the game of baseball and knew his time pitching was minimal so his focus was to someday become a coach and quickly those cogs moved him to Northwest.

“Even when I was a player, I knew that I would go into coaching in some capacity, I was always really close with our managers and pitching coaches,” Loe said. “Even in spring training, I asked for the coach’s field manual to see if I could get a copy of that, just for my archives. Obviously, that is higher than high school and college, but coaching is coaching and getting players better is the same at every level.”

From the minors to a journey around small-town America, Loe landed the Northwest gig in 2000 with a hope of breaking the loss heavy history for Bearcat baseball. Around that time, Northwest culture was changing with the creation of a football dynasty from Mel Tjeerdsma and a basketball revitalization from Steve Tappmeyer. Loe wanted to be part of the movement, but couldn’t help change the atmosphere immediately.

Through his years, Loe found fault in his own style of coaching and learned with experience to change his philosophies in order to garner respect and success. In the beginning, Loe was a skipper fueled by emotion and didn’t take disrespect from anyone. But as he grew in years, he learned that philosophy was flawed and didn’t equal success.

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